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Memo To: Superintendents, Middle School Principals, Computer Fair Sponsors, Curriculum Network, Technology Coordinators, and CFF Coaches

From: Christy Savakinas, Educational Technology Coordinator

Re: PA Middle School Computer Fair

Date: October 22, 2009

Today, with districts spending large amounts of money on technology, it is critical to showcase the benefits of these expenses. NEIU will be hosting its Fourth Annual Regional Pennsylvania Middle School Computer Fair. This fair highlights Pennsylvania middle school students' application skills and computer knowledge. Participating in this competition is one way to showcase locally, regionally and statewide how students are using and benefiting from district technology. This competition will allow for candidate participation in the statewide competition in Harrisburg, PA at both PDE and the state Capitol building.

Some information about PA Middle School Computer Fair

Participation is open to any student enrolled:

- In grades 6 - 8 – public or private, or state-approved home-school program.
- Within the geographic boundaries served by a sponsoring intermediate unit.

Participants must complete a three-tiered selection process. - no entrance fee charged

- Local competition and/or selection process - done individually by middle school
- Regional competition – **March 8, 2010** at Keystone College. First place winners from the regional competitions will move on to the state competition.
- State competition – **May 2010** at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA.

Participants can enter projects in one or more of the 6 Categories listed below:

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| • Desktop Publishing | • Digital Movie |
| • Logo Design | • Multimedia |
| • Graphic Design | • Web Page Design |

How can my middle school get involved?

To participate in this event, please complete and return the attached District Participation Form by **December 18, 2009.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (570) 876-9312 or csavakinas@iu19.org.